[Mr. Paul A. Thaliath]

the proposed new hospital comes into existence, to increase at least temporarily the number of beds for inpatients in the present hospital?

Dr. S. John: Attention is invited to paragraph 4 of G. O. R. O. C. No. 448/43/LG., dated the 7th July 1945 published at pages 1411 to 1412 of the Travancore Government Gazette dated 10th July 1945. As stated therein, the Hospital Reorganisation Scheme is being worked on a three year programme and the conversion of the existing hospital at Alwaye into a major one will be carried out in the course of that period.

A new out-patient block is now under construction in the hospital and as soon as it is ready the present out-patient building also will be converted into wards.

Control over private dispensaries or hospitals.

261. ✱ **Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Medical Department is exercising any control or supervision over private Dispensaries or Hospitals that are opened in this State and, if so, whether the department is getting annual reports from those institutions?

Dr. S. John: The Medical Department is exercising control over private hospitals and dispensaries which are in receipt of grants from Government. The department is getting annual reports from such institutions.

Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker: May I know from the honourable member whether there is any rule in force under which these grants are made?

Dr. S. John: When somebody who is qualified to conduct a dispensary and who was practising in a locality applies for a grant, grant will be given to that institution if its working is found satisfactory as per rules.

Bi-weekly dispensaries.

262. ✱ **Mr. A. N. Satyanesan:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many bi-weekly dispensaries are being conducted in the State at present; and

(*b*) how many of such dispensaries have been converted into regular daily dispensaries in the course of the last three years?

Dr. S. John: (*a*) Fourteen.

(*b*) One.

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